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HJR\_\_\_ NAMING THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 84 FROM INTERSTATE 65 TO MILE MARKER 94.958 IN CONECUH COUNTY THE LARRY RYLAND HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, it is with the highest accolade that this body honors Larry Ryland by requesting the Department of Transportation designate the portion of United States Highway 84 from Interstate 65 to mile marker 94.958 in Conecuh County, Alabama, the Larry Ryland Highway; and

WHEREAS, Larry Ryland is a retired instructor of business administration from Lurleen B. Wallace Community College in Andalusia where he also served as Director of Emergency Medical Services, a program course of study to train emergency medical technicians that he launched after a successful application was approved by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education; building upon the program's success, Larry secured more funding to grow the program to offer Intermediate EMT Training and EMT Instructor Training courses; the program was approved by the National Registry of EMTs and achieved a 100 percent pass rate for the paramedics who graduated the program; and

WHEREAS, Larry Ryland, who is a true advocate for the people, introduced the E-911 programs in both Covington and Conecuh Counties; he served as Chair of both counties' E-911 Boards; and he wrote the E-911 Standard Operating Procedures



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29 Manuals for both counties; and

30 WHEREAS, Larry has been a pivotal figure in many  
31 other projects in Conecuh County that have contributed to  
32 the well-being and safety of its residents; he served as  
33 assistant to the Mayor of Evergreen for eight years; in that  
34 role, he identified and helped to implement a charge to  
35 communication companies for placement of their utility lines  
36 on the city's light poles, a surcharge that brought \$100,000  
37 a year to the city; he also received a Governor's Award from  
38 Governor Bob Riley for achieving 40 years of service in  
39 Emergency Services Management; and

40 WHEREAS, Larry Ryland serves on the Regional  
41 Transportation Board for Conecuh County; in that role, he  
42 secured \$9,000,000 to expand United States Highway 84 from  
43 two to four lanes, which will leave a lasting impact on the  
44 safety of travelers on that roadway for generations to come;  
45 now therefore,

46 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
47 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That to honor Larry Ryland for  
48 his service and lasting positive impact to Conecuh County  
49 and its residents, the Department of Transportation is  
50 encouraged to coordinate with local governing officials to  
51 consider designating the portion of United States Highway 84  
52 from Interstate 65 to mile marker 94.958 in Conecuh County  
53 the Larry Ryland Highway and to erect appropriate signs or  
54 markers, consistent with applicable requirements and laws,  
55 in recognition of this designation.